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12 January 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Director, Office of External Affairs
SUBJECT : 9 January Moynihan Letter

1. I recommend you telephone Senator Daniel P. Moynihan (D., NY) and make the following points:

- You received the 9 January letter (attached).
- You agree damage has been done to the Agency and you are dealing with the problem.
- You would like to invite him to Headquarters one morning which you initially agreed upon to informally seek his advice and discuss the matter.

2. Staff contacts indicate the above recommended action on your part will suffice as a response to the 9 January letter.



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As per our conversation

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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January 9, 1982

Dear Bill:

It was distressing to read in the New York Times of January 7 yet another front-page article alleging links between the Central Intelligence Agency and the criminal activities of Messrs Wilson and Terpil and their associates. I understand, from discussions between our staffs, that the Inspector General has conducted investigations concerning possible illegal or improper acts by specific CIA employees.

However, the matter cannot rest there. The damage being done to the Agency as an institution goes far beyond the question of the guilt or innocence, the bad judgment or indiscretion, of any employee. In ways that are not entirely clear, the Agency has become entangled in a series of dubious activities; unless vigorous steps are taken to extricate it, the damage to its reputation, and to its acceptance by the American people, may be severe. The Select Committee is willing to consider any legislative or other proposals which might be helpful. We regard the situation with the greatest seriousness and wish to be kept informed of the steps you are taking to deal with it.

Sincerely,



Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Acting Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence

Mr. William J. Casey
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